(c) Elementary education is free in all Government and Government aided schools. In most States secondary education is free for girls in all Government and Government aided schools.

(d) There has been a suggestion to this effect.

Drought/Famine in the country

*148. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the toll of human life caused by drought and famine in different States like Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tripura etc. during this year, including those caused by malnutrition and epidemics; and

(b) the central aid given to different States hit by drought and famine?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No toll of human life caused by starvation on account of drought and famine in the States like Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tripura, etc. has been reported by the State Governments. No reliable and complete data concerning deaths on account of malnutrition or epidemics in different States are available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The National Institute of Communicable Diseases, New Delhi, who recently carried out a survey have reported 71 deaths in Tripura due to diarrhoeal diseases.

(b) The State Governments who submitted memoranda seeking central assistance for undertaking drought relief measures in the current year have been released the following amounts of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund during 1992-93:—

	State	Amount (Rs in crores);
1.	Gujarat	63.750
2.	Karnataka	10 125
3.	Kerala	17.438
4.	Madhya Pradesh	20.813
5.	Maharashtra	33.000
6.	Manipur.	0.375
7.	Rajasthan	46.500

Plan for National Capital Region

*149. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for which the plan for National Capital Region could not take off; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) National Capital Region Planning Board was constituted in 1985 for harmonised and balanced development of the National Capital Region, Regional Plan-2001 for the National Capital Region has been notified for implementation on 23-1-1989. There has been gradual development of NCR according to the approved Regional Plan could not be undertaken on account of inadequate budgetary provision for infrastructure provision and land development, as well as difficulties in decentralising various activities from Delhi.

(b) As part of VIII Plan strategy for urban development the Government has envisaged the following measures for the accelerated and balanced development of the NCR in concert with concerned Central Ministries and State Goverments: